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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN SONG FESTIVAL

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1. DEPT. EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY LOCATING POPULAR SINGER FOR FESTIVAL. ASIDE FROM QUESTION OF PERFORMANCE FEE, BIG PROBLEM IS LACK OF LEAD TIME. NAME PERFORMERS USUALLY ARE BOOKED AT LEAST TEN MONTHS IN ADVANCE. IN ADDITION FEW POPULAR SINGERS TRAVEL WITHOUT THEIR OWN BACKUP BAND AND SUPPORT STAFF WHO MUST BE PAID AT LEAST UNION SCALE AND HAVE TRAVEL PROVIDED EVEN IF STAR WAIVES SALARY. WOULD FESTIVAL OFFER OF TRAVEL AND SUBSTANTIAL PAYMENT APPLY TO TWO OR MORE ADDITIONAL PEOPLE? IS ANY AMERICAN PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCIAL HELP POSSIBLE?

2. ROBERTA FLACK, TONY BENNETT ALREADY BOOKED. NANCY WILSON GETS DOLS 20,000 A NIGHT. BELAFONTE HAS TURNED DEPT DOWN ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS REQUESTS OF THIS NATURE. SEVERAL OTHER QUERIES HAVE PROVED NEGATIVE.

3. ALTHOUGH DEPT HAS A FEW LINES STILL OUT TO MAJOR UNCLASSIFIED

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BOOKING AGENCIES, BELIEVE EMB SHOULD BE AWARE PROSPECTS

NOT RPT NOT BRIGHT. WILL ADVISE IF CANDIDATE TURNS UP. ROGERS

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